

NC Sea Grant Shellfish Aquaculture Workshop

8:30-9:40 East Coast Shellfish Growers Association Annual Meeting - LAWSON ROOM

9:40-10:00 Break - Trade Show Open

10:00-10:20 Welcome/Overview of NC shellfish industry & potential for expansion- Chuck Weirich, NC Sea Grant

10:20-10:50 Overview of the NC shellfish lease program - Valerie Wunderly, NC Division of Marine Fisheries

10:50-11:20 How to use the NC shellfish aquaculture siting tool - Troy Alphin, UNCW

11:20-12:00 Developing a plan to get in the game and basic shellfish culture methods - Chuck Weirich, NC Sea Grant; Jay Styron, Carolina Mariculture; Chris Matteo, Chadwick Creek Oysters

12:00-12:30 NC Shellfish Growers Association and NC Sea Grant sponsored lunch

Lunch Keynote Speaker: Bob Rheault, Executive Director, East Coast Shellfish Growers Association -"Rookie mistakes to avoid"

12:30-1:30 NC Shellfish Growers Association Annual Meeting including legislative update by Steve Murphey, NC Division of Marine Fisheries and shellfish breeding research update by Ami Wilbur, Director, UNCW Shellfish Research Hatchery

1:30-2:00 Oyster crop budgets for Virginia - Karen Hudson, Virginia Sea Grant

2:00-2:40 Shellfish aquaculture gear - Dave Cerino, Carteret Community College Jon Quigley, Chesapeake Bay Oyster Company

2:40-3:00 Oyster farm management - Jon Quigley, Chesapeake Bay Oyster Company

3:00-3:20 Break

3:20-3:40 Marketing your product - Barry Nash, NC Sea Grant; and Sarah West, Consumer Concepts

3:40-4:00 Marketing oysters – Lin Peterson, Locals Seafood

4:00-4:15 USDA programs available for shellfish growers - Kay Yates, USDA Farm Services Agency

4:15-4:30 The NC Under Dock Oyster Culture Program - Phil Gagnon, Shellfish Gardeners of North Carolina